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HAIRDRESSING FOIL

(57) Colouring is applied to the "tips" of hair pulled through the aperture.

Claim

1. An element for use in hair treatment, said element consisting of a generally planar sheet of material, said sheet being provided with at least one aperture.

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Complete Specification for the invention entitled:

HAIRDRESSING FOIL

The following statement is a full description of this invention, including the best method of performing it known to me:—

1        This invention relates to hairdressing techniques, and  
2        in particular relates to the practice of having 'tips' put  
3        in ones hair.

4        It is for many people at present desirable to have the  
5        ends of ones hair coloured, in discrete areas. Such  
6        coloured portions are known as tips, and it is necessary to  
7        be able to isolate swatches of hair from the surrounding  
8        mass of hair to enable the procedure to be carried out.

9        At present, there are two methods used by hairdressers  
10       in Australia to produce 'tips', that is, to isolate and  
11       colour the swatches of hair concerned. One method is to use  
12       an elasticised cap which fits over the head. The cap has  
13       small slits or holes, and hair is pulled through the slits  
14       using a tool like a crochet hook. Such a procedure is slow,  
15       and is often painful, and at best, uncomfortable, because  
16       the cap compresses the hair and makes it difficult to pull  
17       it up through the slits.

18       The other prior art method is to use metal foil which  
19       can be folded around areas of hair to isolate it.

20       It is an object of this invention to provide a more  
21       efficient hair isolating medium which will be more  
22       comfortable to the person being treated.

23       The invention provides an element for use in hair  
24       treatment, said element consisting of a generally planar  
25       sheet of material, said sheet being provided with at least  
26       one aperture.

27       Embodiments of the invention will be described in  
28       detail hereinafter, with reference to the accompanying  
29       drawings, in which:-

1        Figure 1 shows plan views of four sizes of a first  
2 embodiment of hairdressing foils according to the invention;

3        Figure 2 shows end views of the foils of Figure 1;

4        Figure 3 shows plan views of four sizes of hairdressing  
5 foils according to a second embodiment of the invention;

6        Figure 4 shows end views of the foils of Figure 3;

7        Figure 5 shows plan views of four sizes of hairdressing  
8 foils according to a third embodiment;

9        Figure 6 shows end views of the foils of Figure 5;

10       Figure 7 shows plan views of four sizes of hairdressing  
11 foils according to a fourth embodiment of the invention;

12       Figure 8 shows end views of the foils of Figure 7; and

13       Figure 9 to 14 inclusive show a number of different  
14 aperture configurations.

15       Turning firstly to Figure 7, the hairdressing foils 10  
16 of the first embodiment of the invention are generally  
17 rectangular, and are made from aluminium foil of a grade  
18 stronger and thicker than, for example, domestic foil. In  
19 Figure 8, the thickness is of necessity exaggerated. Of  
20 course, any suitable material can be used.

21       Centrally, each foil 10 has a row of apertures 12  
22 located in a straight line, at right angles to the  
23 longitudinal direction of the foil. In the three larger  
24 sizes, seven circular holes are shown (see Figure 9)  
25 although nine may be used in the largest size. Although  
26 the numbers may be varied, it is helpful for the width  
27 (diameter) of each hole be sufficient to enable a swatch of  
28 hair(s) to be easily drawn therethrough.

29       In Figure 5, the foils 14 have a single narrow aperture

1 16, running across each foil. In Figure 3, the foils 18  
2 have a single longitudinal aperture 20. In Figure 1, the  
3 foils 22 have an oblique aperture 24; clearly the foils 22  
4 could be reversed, to provide an opposed oblique aperture.

5 Figures 10 to 14 illustrates some alternative  
6 preferred, aperture configurations: square (26, Figure 10)  
7 triangular (28, Figure 12) diamond-shaped (30, Figure 13)  
8 rectangular (32, Figure 11) star-shaped (34, Figure 14). Of  
9 course, other configurations may be used. Rows of  
10 apertures in a particular foil may be constituted by any  
11 combination of configurations. One or more apertures may be  
12 located in any position or pattern.

13 To use the foils of this invention, the selected size  
14 foil is pressed to the hair, and a swatch of hair is drawn  
15 through an aperture. The swatch may then be treated with  
16 colour, and the foil may then be folded about the  
17 aperture(s) to clear the way for the next operation. The  
18 procedure using the foils of this invention is easier and  
19 faster than prior art techniques as the foil is not held  
20 close to the scalp compressing the hair, as occurs with the  
21 elasticised cap, but is held gently to the hair while the  
22 hair is drawn gently through the larger apertures in the  
23 foil of the present invention.

24 The entire contents of the provisional specifications  
25 lodged with Australian Patent Applications of which this is  
26 the complete specification are hereby imported into this  
27 specification and form part of the disclosure of this  
28 specification. The claims form part of the disclosure of  
29 this specification.

1 The claims defining the invention are as follows:

2 1. An element for use in hair treatment, said element  
3 consisting of a generally planar sheet of material, said  
4 sheet being provided with at least one aperture.

5 2. An element according to claim 1, wherein said sheet is  
6 adapted to be folded about the general region of said  
7 aperture.

8 3. An element according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein  
9 said or each aperture is or is located on, a straight line.

10 4. An element according to any preceding claim wherein  
11 said or each aperture is generally located in the central  
12 region of said element.

13 5. An element according to any preceding claim, wherein  
14 there is a plurality of apertures.

15 6. An element according to claim 5, wherein each said  
16 aperture is circular.

17 7. An element according to any preceding claim, wherein  
18 said element is rectangular.

19 8. An element according to claim 7, wherein said or each  
20 aperture is located generally centrally intermediate the  
21 short ends of said rectangle.

22 9. An element according to any preceding claim, wherein  
23 said element is made from a metal foil.

24 10. An element according to claim 9 wherein the metal is  
25 aluminium.

26 11. A hairdressing foil substantially as herein described  
27 with reference to Figures 7, 8 and 9, 1 and 2, 3 and 4, 5  
28 and 6 or any one of Figures 10 to 14 modifying any one of  
29 Figures 1 to 8 of the accompanying drawings.

1 12. The articles, things, parts, elements, steps, features,  
2 methods, processes, compounds and compositions referred to  
3 or indicated in the specification and/or claims of the  
4 application individually or collectively, and any and all  
5 combinations of any two or more of such.

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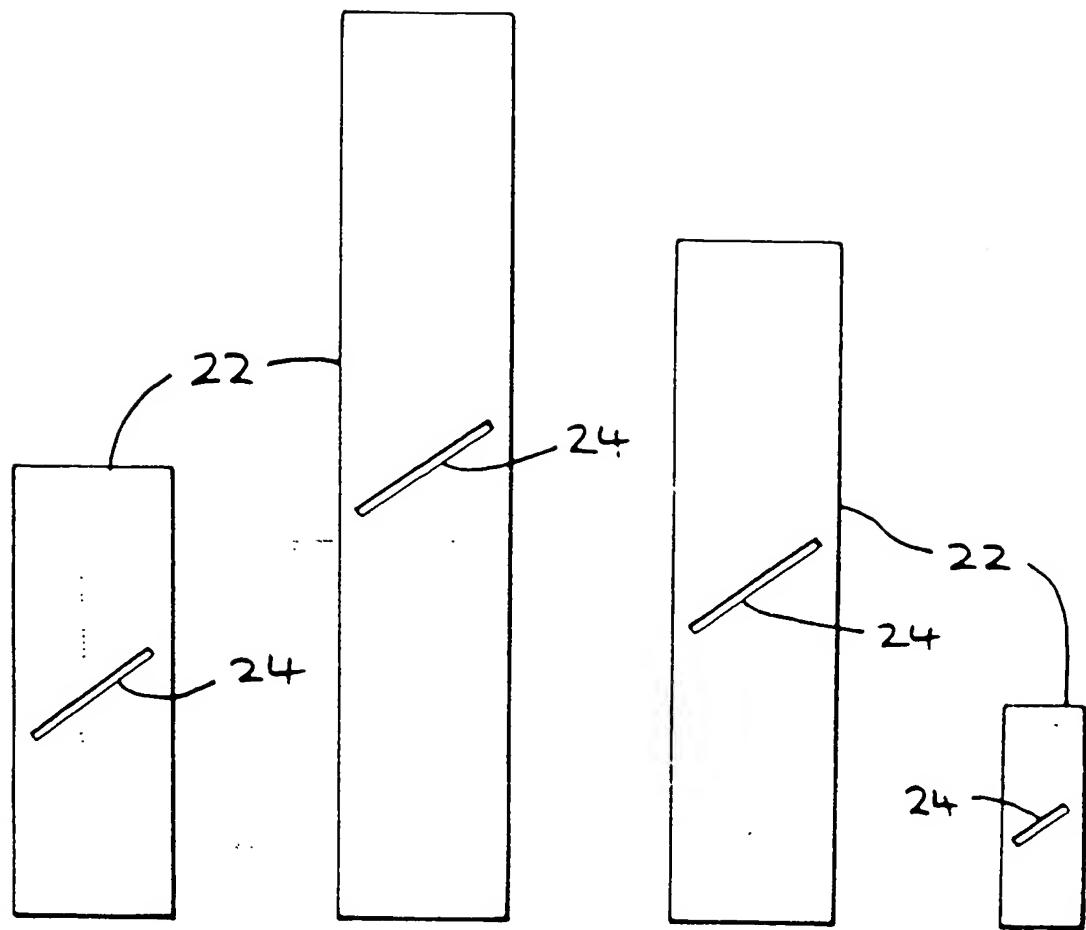


FIG. 1.



FIG. 2.



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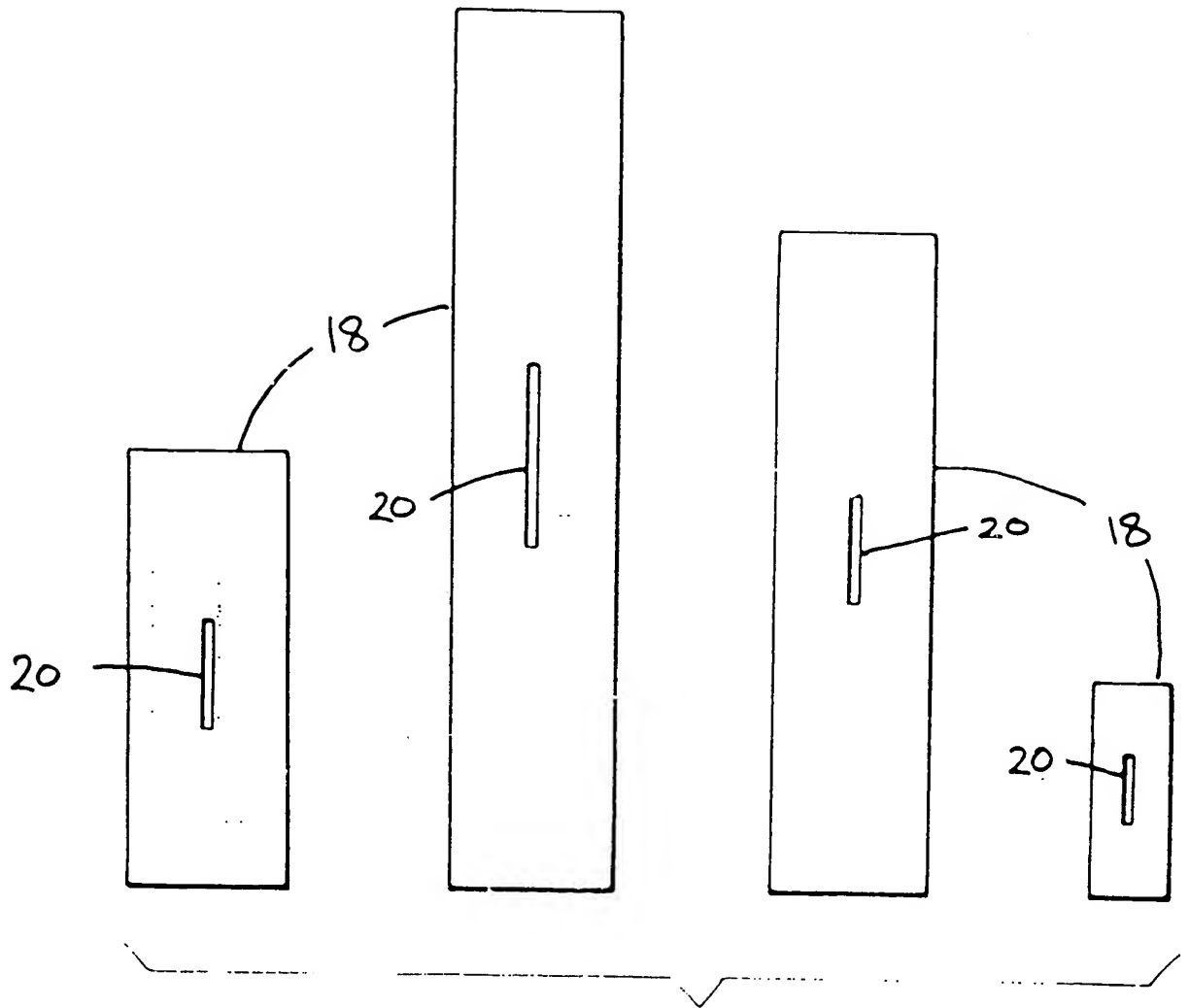


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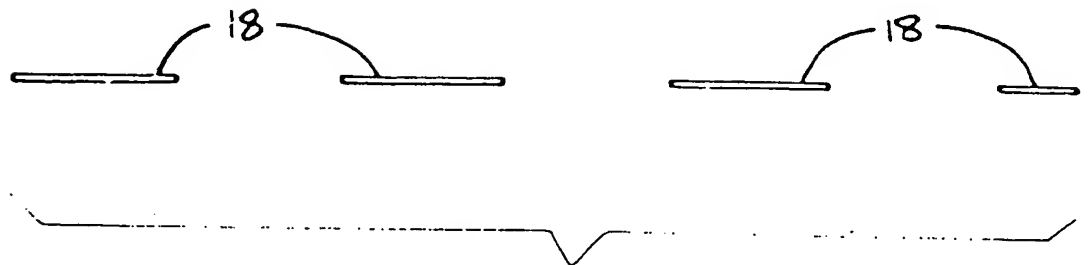


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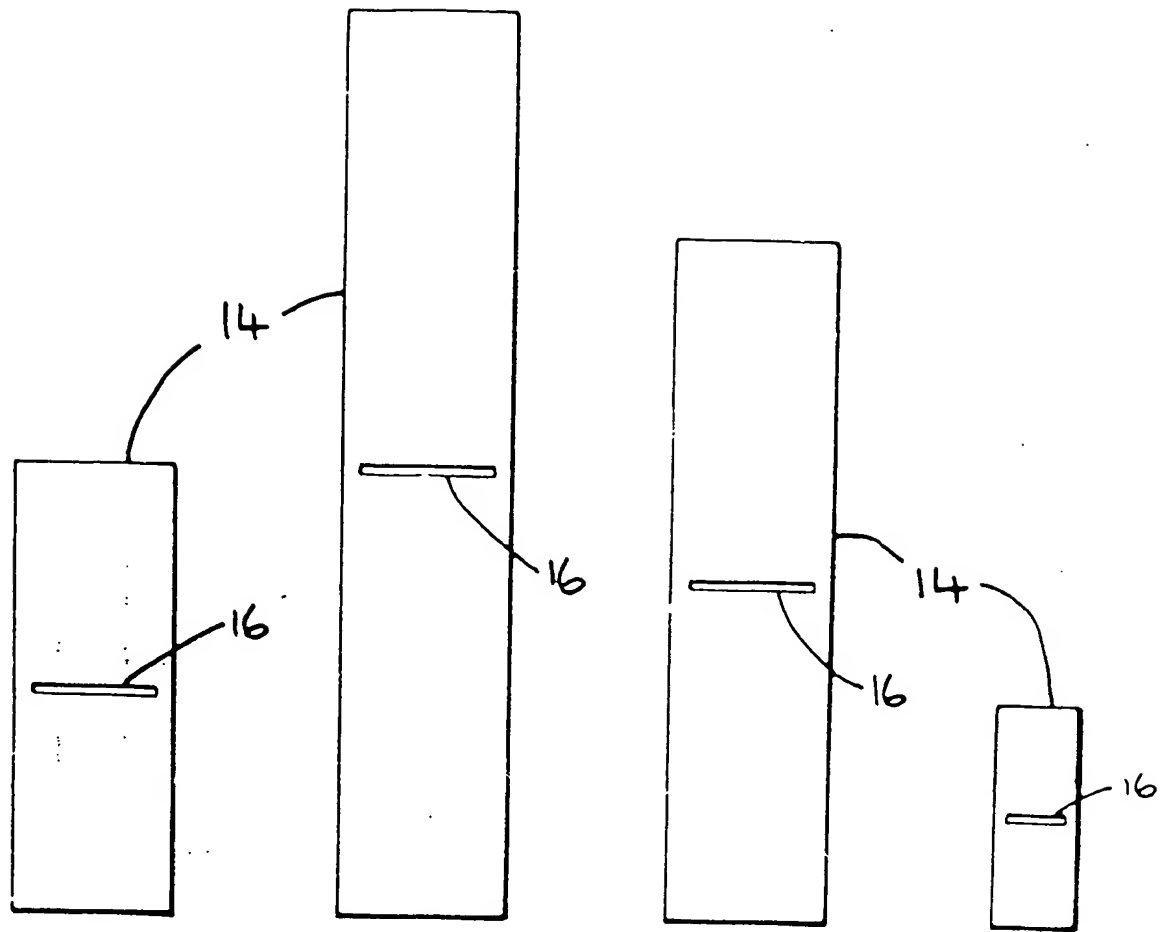


FIG. 5.



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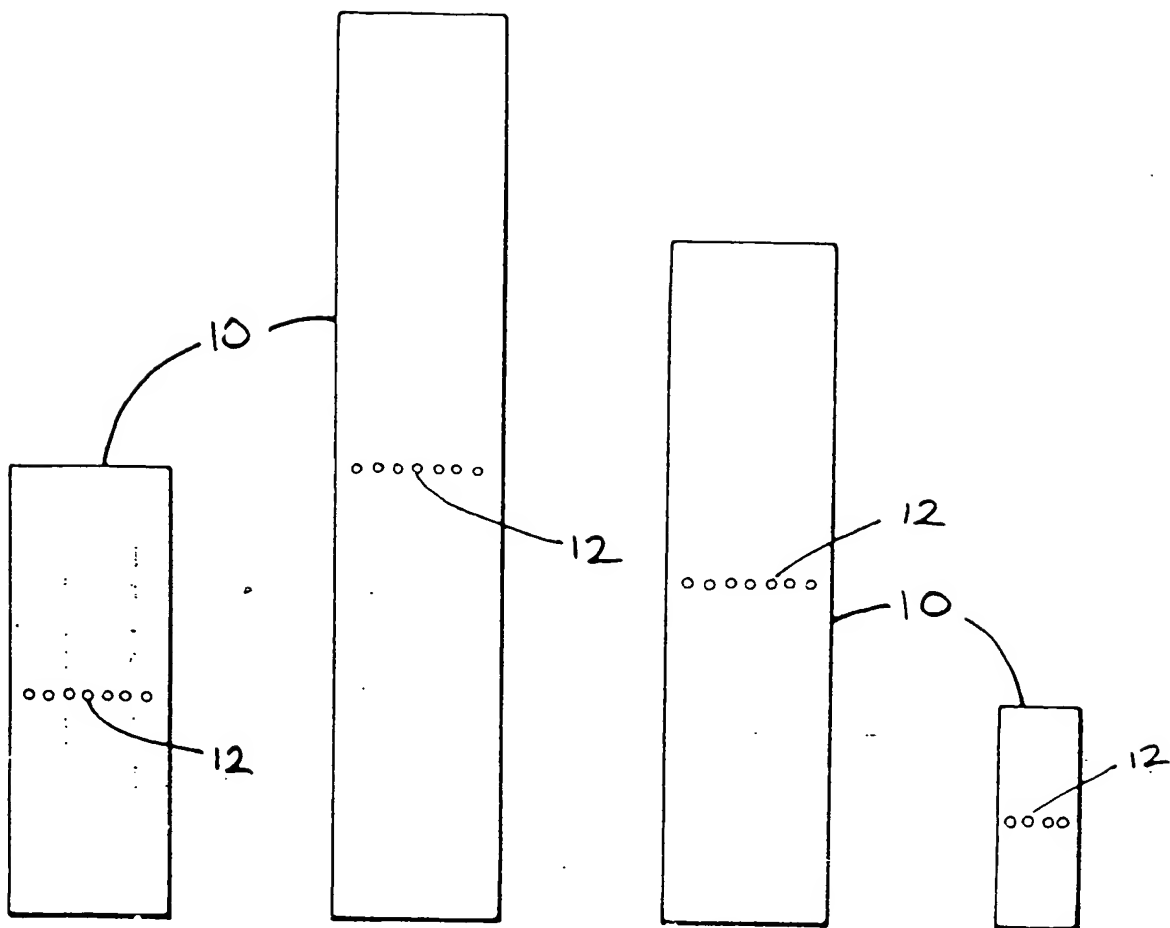


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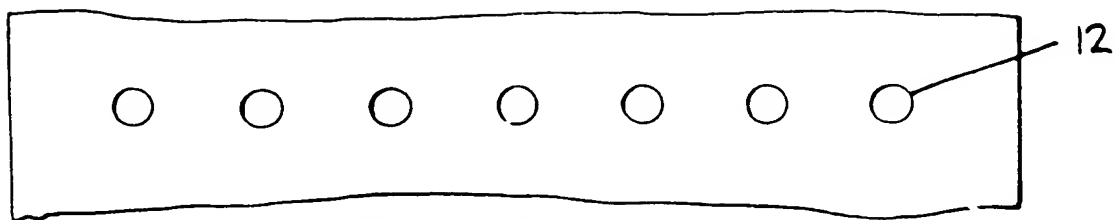


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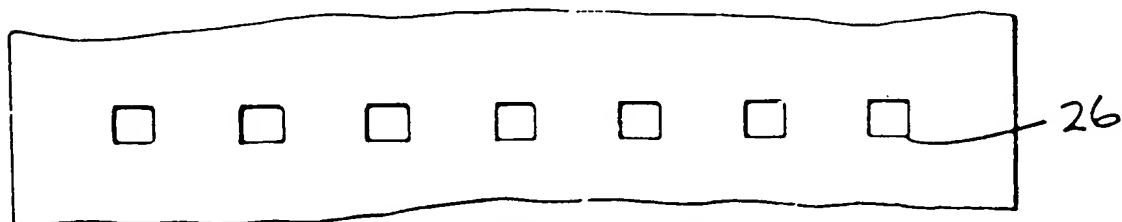


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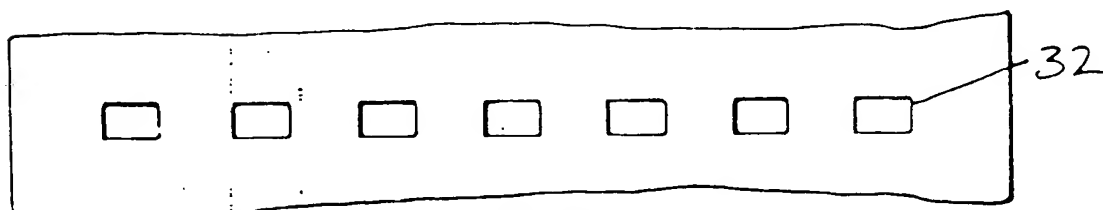


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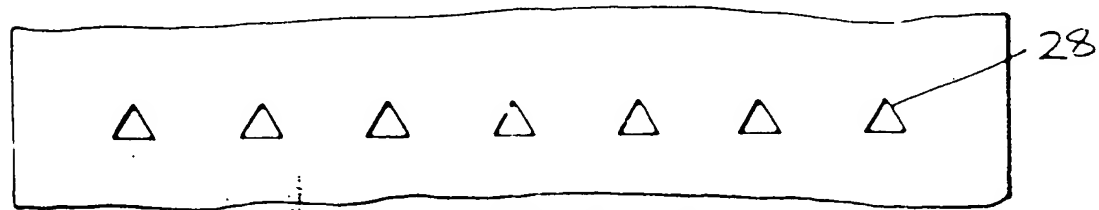


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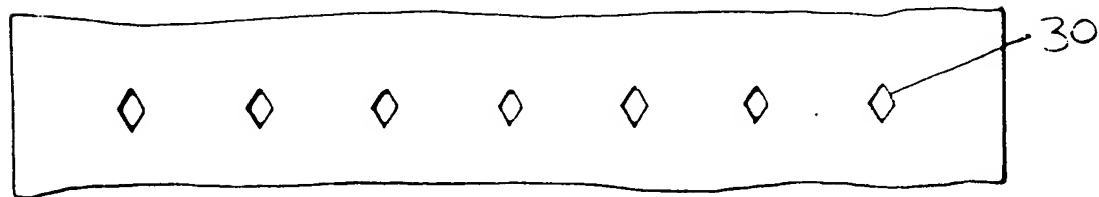


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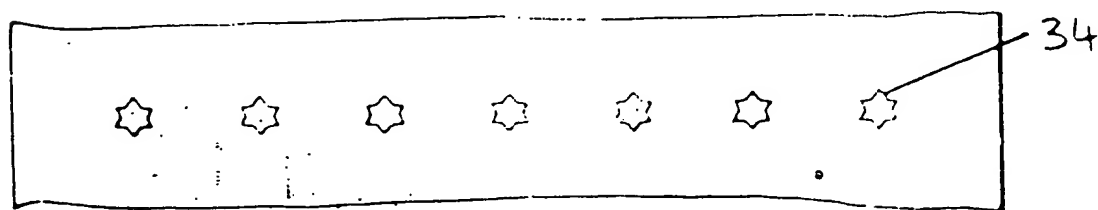


FIG. 14.

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